

undertakings in all phases of club, church and community work. Mrs. Esther Jones Lee of 1548 Parker Street, Berkeley, began club work in California in 1913 as a member of Mothers Charity Club. Prior to her residence in California, she worked with the Fannie B. Williams Club in Buxton, Iowa, where she was United States post office clerk. Later she taught school in Macon, Missouri.

Mrs. Lee served in every department of the California State Association and was elected to the presidency of the State Association in 1926, becoming the thirteenth president. Following the election to the presidency, she joined Fannie Jackson Coppin Club.

Mrs. Lee was Chairman of Affairs during the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., in 1926. She was one of the California women accorded special credit for her influence in obtaining the keys to the City of Oakland for this gigantic meeting—the largest and finest group of colored women that had ever crossed the Continent. At the next National Convention which convened in 1928 in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune, the national president, fittingly referred to Mrs. Lee as "the local chairman of the National in Oakland, California." Mrs. Lee was overwhelmingly elected a member of the Board of Control. Mrs. Bethune appointed Mrs. Lee as her special representative to the Y.W.C.A. Biennial Convention which was meeting in Sacramento, California.

Mrs. Lee attended the Seventeenth Biennial Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1930. She was delegated to give the response to the address of the Arkansas governor, local officials and others. During the Hoover-for-president campaign, she was head of the Women's Division of Northern California.

Mrs. Lee has given valuable information on numerous historical facets for the State Association's records—two of them being the inadvertent birth of the unit called "Northern Federation," and the founding of Fannie Wall Children's Home, and how and why it was named.

During the presidency of the late National President, Mrs. Mary D. Talbert, 1916 to 1920, Mrs. Lee was appointed regional official for California of the Anti-lynching Campaign.

Mrs. Lee has been prominently identified with the women's work of the General Baptist Association of California, its auxiliaries and also fraternal orders. The honor of Club Mother for 1954 was conferred upon her by Fannie Jackson Coppin Club.

Mrs. Lee's service in important offices on the National State, Regional and local club levels have blazed a trail and laid a foundation upon which we are pursuing and building. The potency of her character, intellect, personal energy and Club fealty, has buided the State Association and Fannie Jackson Coppin Club in paths of high purpose and achievement.

RECOGNITION OF KATHERINE TOMLIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Katherine Tomlin, a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, Troop 1002, and in earning the most prestigious honor of the Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement attainable in girl scouting. To

earn the Gold Award, a scout must complete five requirements, all of which promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values, and leadership skills. The requirements include, 1. Earning four interest project patches, each of which requires seven activities that center on skill building, technology, service projects, and career exploration, 2. Earning the Career Exploration Pin, which involves researching careers, writing résumés, and planning a career fair or trip, 3. Earning the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of work using leadership skills, 4. Designing a self-development plan that requires assessment of ability to interact with others and prioritize values, participation for a minimum of 15 hours in a community service project, and development of a plan to promote girl scouting, and 5. Spending a minimum of 50 hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project that has a positive lasting impact on the community.

For her Gold Award project, Katherine made lap blankets for the hidden Lake Care Center.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Katherine Tomlin for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

TRIBUTE TO LANDRES CHEEKS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of Black History Month, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of distinguished African-Americans in Mississippi's Second Congressional District.

Retired 1st Sergeant Landres Cheeks graduated from Madison County Training School in 1940. He received his Clerk Typist Certificate in 1946 and his NCO Certificate in 1947, from the United States Army NCO Academy.

Ret. 1st Sergeant Cheeks was a 1st Sergeant for 23 of the 30 years in the U. S. Army. He was a personnel sergeant major, medical intelligence non-commissioned officer, postal clerk during WWII, facilitated driving testing station for non-commissioned officers, served one tour of duty in Vietnam, served four tours of duty in Germany, and served one tour in France. Cheeks was the first black staff non-commissioned officer of the 69th artillery division in Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was the first black 1st Sergeant of the 33rd station hospital in Bremen haven, Germany and the first black 1st Sergeant of the 54th truck company in Hanau, Germany. Cheeks assisted soldiers in absentee ballot voting from 1951–1974.

During 1974–1992 Sergeant Cheeks was owner of Wynn & Cheeks Grocery Store where he managed accounts payable, accounts receivable, ordered stock, supervised daily operation of the business. Cheeks also registered people to vote in the grocery store.

Retired 1st Sergeant Landres Cheeks was the first black appointed layman to become a Member of the Board of Trustee of Madison General Hospital in Canton, Mississippi during 1985–1988. He also was Chairman of the board of the Madison County Voters League

which would organize campaign fundraisers, voter registration, absentee ballot, and provide transportation to polls during 1988–1998.

At the present time, Cheeks juggles being Commander of the Boy Scout and Cub Scout of America, fundraiser for Madison County Women for Progress, and Utility Commissioner, City of Canton.

SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2003

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day. International Women's Day is celebrated each year on March 8 by the United Nations and millions of people around the world in recognition of the contributions of women and men throughout history who have worked for gender equality and in acknowledgement of the work that has yet to be done.

I am proud to be joined in this effort by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT), the gentlewoman from California, our distinguished Democratic Leader (Ms. PELOSI), and the gentleman from California, the ranking Democrat on the International Relations Committee (Mr. LANTOS), and several other members. I also want to acknowledge the assistance my colleague from Illinois, the distinguished Chairman of the International Relations Committee (Mr. HYDE), has given me.

Women all over the world contribute to the security and well-being of their communities, families, and nations. Yet, women still have yet to achieve full political and economic equality and millions of women continue to face discrimination, abuse, and violence in their daily lives. International Women's Day serves as a time to recognize this reality and to join together across cultures, languages, nations, ethnicities, and income levels to celebrate a common commitment for equality and justice.

It is my hope that this Resolution will find unanimous support in the House of Representatives as a demonstration of the commitment members share to working for fairness and justice for all people around the world.

I urge the House leadership to schedule this measure for a vote next week so that the members of the House may join our international partners in recognition of International Women's Day.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PEACE CORPS DAY, FEBRUARY 28TH 2003

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, this Friday is National Peace Corps day. All over the country, former Peace Corps volunteers are bringing their skills, knowledge and experience to